GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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BHOPAL GAS TRAGEDY
SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether victims of Bhopal Gas tragedy have not received the compensation so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for delay;

(c) the present status of the compensation case and the time by which this process is likely to be completed;

(d) whether the Government have received any objections against the guidelines issued in this regard; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): The Office of the Welfare Commissioner set up under the Bhopal GasLeak Disaster (Processing of Claims) Act, 1985 is concerned with payment of compensation to the Bhopal gas victims. According to the available information, 10,29,516 claims were filed for compensation, out of which 10,28,323 cases have been disposed of upto 31.7.2001. Besides this, approximately 3.98 lakhs cases were rejected earlier due to non appearance of parties. Hon`ble Supreme Court vide its order dated 2.3.2001 had directed to publish a list of such cases for providing a last opportunity to such claimants for restoration of their cases. As a result, 41,255 claimants have applied for restoration of their cases upto 31.7.2001.

(d) & (e): According to the information received from the office of the Welfare Commissioner, no objection has been received against the guidelines issued in this regard.